### PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

Bayard's Resolution in Reference to Dynamite Explosions in London is Passed by the Senate.

Numerous and Important Bills In troduced and Referred in the House.

### FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

The Senate. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 -The oath was administered to Mr. Chace, the newly elected Senstor from Rhode I len i.

The Chair laid before the Senate the credentials of J. D. Cameron, the re-elected Senator from Pennsylvania, Filed. The Chair also Isid before the Senate a me-

morial from the Legislature of Kansas, remonstrating against the establishment of a cattle trail across or through that State. Referred.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a substitute for the House bill forfeiting a part of the lands granted certain railroads, on which Mr. Plumb wished immediate consideration. Mr. Bayard said he hoped he would not interfere with the consideration of the resolution offered by himself Saturday, meaning that relating to the dynamite explosions

in London. The Chair said the resolution would be laid before the Senate when the proper order of business was reached. Mr. Plumb's bill was then taken up, but its reading was interrupted by an objection from Mr. Ha ris After further morning business, Mr. Bayard called up his resolution of Saturday.

Mr. Riddleberger moved that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
The yeas and nays were ordered on the question of reference, and Mr. Riddleberger addressed the Senate in opposition to the resolution. He wished for more information on the subject. He had no sympathy with there was war absolute between England and Ireland, so far as Irish man without a country could make war. Upon a yea and nay vote the motion to refer the resolution was defeated-yeas, 2. nays.55-only Senators Riddleberger and Van Wyck voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Riddleberger moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed until next Wednesday. He declared the Senate had not sufficient information upon which to base action of this kind. The body was asked to vote in a way which would be interpreted to sympathize with England and against Ireland.

Senator Hoar said the Senator from Virginia seemed to treat the occurrence in London as if it were warfare adopted by the Irish people against England. He (Hoar) had among his constituents many persons of Irish descent-intelligent, brave, manly peo ple. He thought he was justified in stating that the doctrine expressed in the resolution was their doctrine, as it was that of other American people. Making war upon unof fending women and children was as repugnant to these citizens as to any other peo ple. He saw that Her Majesty's Ameri can representative had said America had been remiss in her duties in some respects. America could not undertake to deal with mere violent expressions, and if it did, those things would be more dangerous in their repression than in their expression. He believed the United States, in the future as in the past, would perform all her duties

Mr. Riddleberger said he had not assumed that the explosions were the results of a method of warfare adopted by Irish people. He declared again he had not sufficient information, nor had any other Senator suf-

ficient information for the proposed action.

Mr. Gibson said he thought it proper that American people of kindred institutions and kindred in blood with the British should give expression to their views. Peo-ple who used dynamite put themselves on a level with those who used poison; they were assassins and murderers.

After further discussion between Massra. Ingalis and Hawley, in support of the resolution, Riddleberger's motion to postpone was defeated—yeas, 1; nays, 63. And the resolution passed, 63 to 1.

The Senate then went into executive ses-

sion, and when the doors reopened speeches in memoriam of the late Representative Duncan, of Pennsylvania, were delivered by several of the members, after which the Senate adjourned.

The House. Mr. Stockslager offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Committee on Public Buildings to inquire into the origin of the fire which occurred on the roof of the Heuse this morning and report what measures are necessary to give greater se-

curity against fire. Bills were introduced and referred:

for the purpose of establishing a navy yard two or more ballots shall be found so and depot of supplies in the harbor of Brunswicz, Ga.

By Mr. Rosecrans: Appropriating \$100 .-000 to provide further aid and encourage ment in perfecting and manufacturing the highest class of guns.

By Mr. Sumner, of California: A resolu-tion reciting that the California and Oregon Railroad Company has failed to complete its road within the time limited by the granting act, and notwithstanding this act has been brought to his attention the President has | shall securely attach to a statement of such appointed a committee to examine and report on said line of road, and requestling the President to inform the House of the reasons which impelled him to appoint said com-

mittee. Mr. Findlay: A resolution calling upon the Secretary of State for information whether any citizen of the United States, or person demiciled within the same, were concerned or participated, directly or indirectly, in bringing about the recent explosions in London; provided, that the transmission of such information is compatible with public inter-

Mr. White, of Kentucky, rose to introduce a joint resolution, but instead of sending it to the clerk's desk proceeded to read it himself. It recites that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and Secretary of the Treasury have, by unwarrantable regulations, assumed to extend the bonded period for distilled spirits, and provides that the office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the entire system of internal revenue be abol-

Public business was then suspended and the House proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions expressive of the regret of the House at the death of W. A. Duncan, late Representative from Pennsylvania.

After sulogistic addresses by Messrs. Er
the total vote of the candidates, and such to-

mentrout, Swope, Atkinson, Post, Bayne, I tal vote be set down in figures in such col-

Hopkins and Randall, the resolutions were unanimously adopted and the House, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned.

### Amending the Election Laws.

The following is a summary of the provisions of a bill introduced in the House on the 21st inst. by Mr. Schley, of Marion, amendatory of the election laws of Indiana; 1. That part of the law providing for the division of townships and wards into election precincts is changed by adding a provision that when Boards of Commissioners order additional precincts or change the boundsries of existing ones, publication shall be made of the fact in the two papers of the county having the largest circulation, and by posting up tendays before an election in ten of the most public places in each precirct a copy of such order, and in towns and cities such copy shall be accompanied by a map or description of such election precinct. defining it by known boundaries, and the County Auditor is required to furnish to

election efficers copies of such maps. 2. The law fixing the qualification of Inspectors and Judges is changed so as to limit these to "some qualified voter" of the precinct, instead of a freeholder and househelder of one year's residence in the precinct, and adding the additional qualification for Inspectors, Judges and Clerks that they shall be able to read and write the English language. The provision of the law as to a division of the Election Board between politi-

cal parties is unchanged. The polls are required to be opened at 6 o'clock in the morning and kept open until 6 o'clock p. m., and the election officers are required to assemble at the place of election fifteen minutes before 6 o'clock in the morning and take the oath of office and prepare papers, etc., so as to have the polls open promptly at the hour named.

4. All ballots shall be as follows: To be written or pristed on plain white paper, of a grade known as No. 2 book paper, of a uniform width of three inches, and to be without any distinguishing mark or other embellishment thereon, except the names of the candidates and the offices for which they are to be voted, but every ballot shall have a caption printed in one straight line, in black ink. in plain Roman capital letters, of type dynamiters, but would not vote for a resolu- not larger than that now known and desigtion which might be interpreted into an | nated as "Pica," and the names of all candiexpression of sympathy with Ireland's dates, and the offices for which they are enemies. It was known here that candidates, shall be printed in plain type not larger than that known and designated as "Brevier," with space equal to - of an inch under the general heading, and with space equal to --- of an inch above and below the line designation the office for which the candidate is named; and the margins at top and bottom of such tickets shall not exceed one balf of an inch. It is, however, provided that the act shall not be construed to prohibit any elector from voting any ballot entirely written, or from voting any printed callot which in our werd appearance complies with all the re quirements of the act, upon the face of which he has personally made or caused to he made, erasure, corrections or insertion of any name by penc | mark or otherwise.

As to challenging of votes it is provided that the challenger shall be required to specifically state the ground for challenge. when a reliminary oath is administered to the person challenged to answer questions touching the special ground of challengs After hearing the answers to such questions as have been propounded, the Election Board shall then decide as to whether the ballot offered shal' be registered or not. In case of a decision against him and he shall persist in voting, or in case the challenge oe not withdrawn, then the Inspector shall administer to him the oath now prescribed. and shall in addition require the supporting oath of some qualified voter of the precinct. The present law requires that the person making the supporting oath shall be a free holder of the precinct. Any person claiming to have declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States may voluntarily produce for inspection his certificate of a court officer showing this fact, but the omission to produce such paper shall not be a good ground for challenge, if he shall

make the prescribed oath as aforesaid. 6. The clerks shall note, on forms to be furnished for the purpose, separate from the poll lists, the names of all persons challenged and all the facts connected with such challenge, including notes of the oaths taken and the names of those who make the supporting oaths. This record is made part of the returns, and is to be filed in the office of the County Clerk, and all matter of record therein shall be taken as prima facia proof of the facts stated in any case where any person shall thereafter be prosecuted for perjury in connection with the oaths administered to them when any person has been challenged.

7. The ballot boxes shall be placed by the Inspector at a window so that the voter and others outside and near thereto, may convenintly see every ballot received and deposited in the box.

8. When the polis are closed the Inspector and Judges shall commence to canvass the votes by first causing the clerks to make a careful comparison of the poll lists from the commencement, and a correction of the affecting the whole number of votes actually | tle, 25 cents. cast. The ballot box shall then be opened and the ballots therein carefully taken out and counted unopened, except so far as to By Mr. Nicholls: Appropriating \$500,000 | ascertain that each ballot is single. If folded as to present the appearance of a single ballot they shall be destroyed, it the whole number of ballots exceed the whole number of voter, and not otherwise If after deducting all double ballots the ballots shall be found to still exceed the whole number of votes, as shown on the poll-list. they shall be replaced in the box and the Inspector shall, without seeing the same. publicly draw out and destroy so many bal lots unopened as shall be equal to such excess. The result being found the Inspector canvass one ballot of each kind found to have been given for the officer to be chosen at such election, any or either of them, and the clerk shall state in words, at full length, immediately opposite such ballot and written partly on such ballot and partly on the paper to which it shall be attached, the whole number of all the ballots that were received and counted which compared with the one so artached, so that one of each kind of the ballots received and counted shall be attached. The remaining ballots not so attached shall be then destroyed. The practical effect of this provision will be to secure the return to the County Clerk's office one of each of the "straight tickets," with a note of the whole number of such tickets cast, and all of the scratched tickets, and these tickets will be pasted or securely attached to the return that they can not be changed or abstracted without mutilating the return. At the same time all the information that could be furnished by a return of all of the ballets is given, and in a more reliable form. 9. The tally sheet shall be so made out that when the count is completed the clerk shall draw, with pan, ink and ruler, a heavy

umn. At the end of the poll list the present form of certificate shall contain additional matter, as follows: (1) The whole number of votes recorded, as shown on the poll lists; (2) the whole number of unopened ballots found on opening the ballot box: (3) the whole number of ballots drawn out of the ballot box to equalize the number of ballots found with the nuruher of votes on the poli list; (5) the whole number of ballots actually counted. There shall be made out by the clerks, in addition to the ones kept by them. one copy of the tally sheet and one copy of the poll list and certificates appended, and these triplicates shall be signed by all the officers One copy shall be retained by the Inspector and one copy by the Jadge of blections who is politically opposed to the Inspector, and the third copy shall be delivered to the County Clerk. In precincts lo cated in the township in which is situated the county seat, this delivery must be made within two hours after the canyasa has been completed and in other precincts the delivery must be made within four hours after the canvass has been completed. The County Clerk is required to keep his office open from 8 o'clock p. m. of the day of the election until 12 o'clock noon of the day thereafter to receive such returns.

10. All of the sections of the present law which provide for placing the ballots in bags and returning them to the Clerk, and for a recount of such ballots, are repealed.

Bath Tubs for Farm Houses.

A correspondent of the Boston Journal writes: Not many farm houses have a convenient bath-room, nor is it convenient to arrange one in many old houses without more expense than the owner or tenant is willing to expend. Shall I tell you how one house is arranged not far from where I am writing? The house was so small for the family that there was no room to spare for a bath-room, but it fortunately had a good large kitchen. Upon one side of this kitchen stands the bath tub, cased in with pine boards. Above this casing is a movable board six or eight inches wide, and the whole is covered by a smoothly-planed hardwood board or beards, hung by hinges against the wall. When the board is let down over the tub it forms a kitchen table about seven feet long and about four feet wide, and those not in the secret would not suspect what is beneath it. When the table is turned up and the movable boards taken out the bathing tub is convenient height. A lead pipe carries the water off through the same channel that takes it from the kitchen sink. Here, by the kitchen fire, the members of the family can take their bath before retiring for the night, and the delight of the younger children at a tub in which they can lie down and splash to their hearts' content, is, as their mother assures me, something worth witnessing, and after the children are off to bed the older members pay their tribate to cleanliness. The same lady assures me that the great kitchen table is as handy as two smaller ones would be. Of course, this is not as convenient as the regular bath-room. where the latter can be kept at a comfortable temperature, but we can not all have new bouses with all the modern improvements. and if we can afford to make our old ones more convenient for those who have to do the work therein let us do so. The making of the house comfortable fer those who spend their days in it should be a part of our averyday work, as much as the fixing up of barns and other buildings

### Funeral of Sister Theresa.

WILKESBARRE, Pa. Jan. 23 -The funeral services of Sister Theresa, niece of James G Biaine, took place from Sc. Mary's Church this morning. None of B aine's family were present. The sacred editios was crowded to overflowing. Fifty priests were in attend-

High requiem mass was celebrated by Father O'Hara. Father Kelly, of Towards, spoke feelingly of the deceased, and at the conclusion of his remarks the congregation began to sob loudly. The remains were followed to the depot by 5.000 people. The interment will be made at Pittsburg.

### Child Burned to Death.

PONTIAC, Mich., Jan. 23 .- Yesterday, Mrs. P. A. Shepard, of Auburn, left her two children, sged two and a half and one year, in the house while she went to a neighbor's. On returning she found the room full of smoke and the youngest child crying, while the other child was found with its clothing nearly burned off, and the upper part of its legs and abdomen badly burned. The sufterer died before medical aid arrived. It is supposed the children were playing with the fire in the stove, which was open.

### That Wolf Story.

DETROIT, Jan. 23 .- In reference to the dispatch to-day from Kankakee, stating that a hunter in the upper peninsula had been eaten by wolves, which have become unusually bold, the Free Press special from Escanaba says it can learn of no such an occurrence. The wolves are plenty, but are dangerous only to deer.

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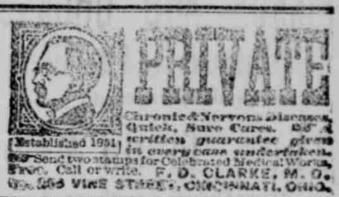
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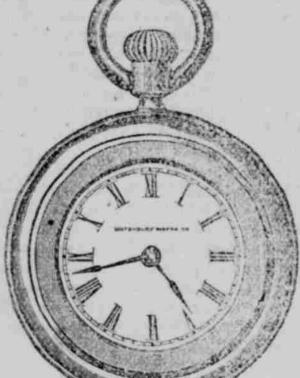
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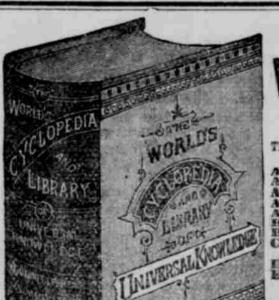
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